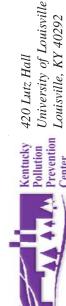
# What is the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools?

On December 1, 2005, the Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center (KPPC) and the Kentucky Office of Energy Policy (KOEP) initiated a new program that will help Kentucky schools and universities reduce energy and operating expenses.

The new program is called KEEPS, the Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools. The first year of KEEPS (2006) will be a pilot for the program, and a few schools will be selected to participate in the program.

KPPC will accept applications from any school district or university that wishes to participate in KEEPS, but only a few will be accepted for the pilot program. Acceptance to KEEPS will be determined by the level of commitment expressed by the clients. After the first year, the clients will be given the opportunity to continue their membership in the program.

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#### How KEEPS Works

The Kentucky Energy Efficiency Program for Schools (KEEPS) offers participating schools a complete package of tools, curriculum, training, coaching, and expertise. KPPC will provide energy tools that allow schools to analyze and understand their energy consumption.

After acceptance to the KEEPS program, KPPC will provide training and help the schools identify and implement low-cost/no-cost energy-savings measures that have short payback periods.

Over time, KPPC will help evaluate and determine funding options to implement more complex energy-savings measures with longer payback periods. This approach allows KEEPS participants to ease into the process of reducing energy use and saving money through energy efficiency. This approach demonstrates the value of the KEEPS program before the schools invest in more capital-intensive, energy-savings measures.

For their part, the schools must identify their energy manager, commit to the evaluation process, attend training, and implement possible energy-savings measures that KPPC identifies.

#### **KEEPS Partners**









KEEPS will partner with the National Energy Education Development (NEED) project to educate teachers and students on how their actions affect energy consumption. The program will also partner with the Kentucky School Plant Management Association (KSPMA) to educate plant managers and maintenance personnel on how their activities affect energy consumption. Through KEEPS, KPPC will educate board members, superintendents, school presidents, and building managers on the value of energy savings programs and facility improvements.

## What is KPPC?

The Kentucky Pollution Prevention Center (KPPC) at the University of Louisville is Kentucky's primary resource for technical information and assistance to improve environmental performance.

The Center facilitates and promotes the proactive implementation of management systems and technologies to improve the competitiveness of businesses, industries, and other organizations.

# For More Information ...

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